

FISCAL NOTE

HB 637 - SB 1407

April 3, 1997

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires all health insurers, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations and TennCare to cover maternity benefits based upon the most current version of *Guidelines for Perinatal Care* prepared by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Not Significant
Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Expenditures/Health Insurance Industry - Not Significant¹

The AAP/ACOG guidelines required in the bill are fundamentally similar to existing TennCare and Department of Commerce and Insurance regulations.

This bill would not directly impact the state employee health insurance plan or most local government health insurance plans since self-insured plans are exempted by Federal law (ERISA).

¹ *The impact on the health insurance industry is included as required by Chapter 244 the Public Acts of 1989.*

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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